Rev (1948) Department

SERIES.

G.O. No. 378

Dated 9 2 48

[Despatch Abstract]

G.M.F. - The Accelerated and New Well Subsidy Schemes Grant of subsidies - Anomaly - Rectification - Board's views that no changes in the existing instructions is called for Accepted

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Revenue Department.
Memo.No. 5731-E/47-1, dated 13-12-1947.

Grow More Food - Accelerated Well Subsidy Scheme - Grant of enhanced subsidies - Anomaly.

According to the orders in para 3 of G.O.No.326, Revenue dated 8-2-47, a ryot who has been given a subsidy under the Accelerated Scheme, will also be allowed the time prescribed in the New Well Subsidy Scheme i.e. till 30-6-48 for completion of the work, if any part of the work, not necessarily a substantial part, has already been done. The same concession will apply also to works for which subsidies have been granted under the Ceded Districts Scheme - vide para 14 of G.O.No.518, Revenue, dated 1-3-1947 under the Accelerated Scheme, a grantee was entitled to only a subsidy of Rs.310 for sinking a new well. Under the New Well Subsidy Scheme, however, an enhanced subsidy of Rs.500/- is admissible in areas where conditions similar to those in the Ceded Districts exist. There is thus a real anomaly in that a grantee in a particular area would have received Rs.310/- only under the Accelerated Scheme whereas another will be receiving upto a maximum of Rs.500/- in respect of a well in the same locality under the New Well Subsidy Scheme. The Board is requested to state how best the anomaly can be rectified.

Sd. x x
To the Board of Revenue. Secy.to Government.

Copy of letter Res.Rt.No.266, dated 19-1-1948 from the Joint Secretary, Board of Revenue, Madras to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Madras.

Sub: Grow More Food - The Accelerated and New Well Subsidy Schemes - Grant of subsidies - Anomaly - Rectification-Board's remarks - Submitted.
READ:- Government Memo No.5731-E/47-1.Revenue.dt.13-12-47.

RESOLUTION:

The grantees of subsidies under the Accelerated Scheme received the subsidy straightaway and had the opportunity to start work so early as April, 1946. With the extension of time granted by G.O.No.326, Revenue, dated 8-2-47 they have had a period exceeding two years for the construction of their wells and they have been retaining the subsidy amount with them throughout. If they had taken care to complete the wells within the time originally allowed they would have had the benefit of having raised two crops with the well water before the New Scheme came into force. In cases where the grantees did not complete the well works within the time originally allowed the further extension of time granted is by itself a concession. The wells to be sunk with the subsidy granted under the Accelerated Scheme will satisfy the terms of the grant even if they serve only as supplementary sources of irrigation and do not bring any new extent under irrigation

The grantees under the New Well Subsidy Scheme receive the amounts to be granted by the Government as loans in the first instance and thus take the risk of having to pay back the amount as a regular loan under the Land Improvement Loans Act if the well work is not completed by 30-6-1948. Further, they have to bring under irrigation at least one acre of land not already under irrigation.

The grantees of subsidies under the Accelerated Scheme have thus had some distinct advantages over tho e who receive subsidy-loans under the New Well Scheme.

2. The Board is also of the opinion that it would give rise to unnecessary complications if an enhanced subsidy of Rs.500/- were now to be given in cases covered by the Accelerated Scheme. There would be cases in which wells have already been completed. There is no need to reppen such cases. It is not

not also necessary to give an enhanced rate in cases where they have not been completed, as this will result in persons who have been slack in fulfilling the terms of the undertaking being allowed to gain an advantage over persons who have fulfilled their obligations in time.

3. The finances of the Government are at present none too ample, and it will be inadvisable to rake up questions which will land the Government in heavy additional expenditure. It is always open to the Government to consider, sympathetically, any individual case where hardship has been caused.

In the circumstancess, the Board considers that no retrospective effect need be given to the grant of enhanced rate of subsidy allowed under the New Scheme.

Sd. x x
for Jt. Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Abstract.

Grow More Food - The Accelerated and New Well Subsidy Schemes- Grant of subsidies - Anomaly - Rectifications-Board's views- that no change in the existing instructions is called for-Accepted -x-x-x-